

who would do not have significant financial means with the access and opportunity to realize the education and training to fill these jobs domestically.

## SUPPORTING NATIONAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, Ms. EDWARDS, for offering this important resolution.

This resolution designates the fourth day of June, 2009 as National Children and Families Day.

Our children are this nation's most important resource, and this resolution highlights the invaluable role families have in raising healthy, well-adjusted children. Families come in many different shapes and sizes, but they all play a critical role in the care and development of their children.

Research shows that spending time together as a family is critical to raising strong and resilient kids. And studies have shown, the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs, so we should be in the business of supporting families.

Early childhood experience lays the foundation for later development, and the first three years of a child's life are especially important. Investing resources in children and families will pay large dividends for our society, not only in increased productivity, but also for more opportunities for our children to realize their dreams.

We must take it upon ourselves as a society to cultivate loving and supporting families whenever possible. National Children and Families Day provides us an opportunity to recognize our responsibility to foster family environments that nurture the next generation and to promote a positive environment for families across America.

Lee Iacocca said it best when he said, "The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works is the family."

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA Health Facilities and Services

Name of requesting entity: University of South Florida

Address of requesting entity: 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33620

Description: The \$500,000 will be used to help cancer patients find appropriate clinical trials, which will save lives and lower health care costs.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA Facilities and Services

Name of requesting entity: All Children's Hospital

Address of requesting entity: 801 6th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

Description: The \$350,000 will be used to build a specialty care center to provide high-quality physician, diagnostic, clinical, and rehabilitative services to underserved populations, which will improve health care and lower costs.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: SAMHSA—Mental Health

Name of requesting entity: BayCare Health System

Address of requesting entity: 16255 Bay Vista Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33760

Description: The \$200,000 will be used to provide services to those suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and their families, expanding access to needed care.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3293

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Name of requesting entity: Prevent Blindness Florida

Address of requesting entity: 1112 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$200,000 will be used to provide vision screenings to at-risk children, improving vision and lowering future health costs.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. Details of these projects are:

(1) \$496,000 for the Clare County Transit Corporation, located at 4175 North Clare Avenue, Harrison, Michigan 48625, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of completing a new multi-modal transportation facility to house administration, operations and maintenance.

(2) \$300,000 for the Roscommon County Transportation Authority, located at 2665 South Townline Road, Prudenville, Michigan 48651, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to fifteen replacement buses.

(3) \$250,000 for the Big Rapids Dial-A-Ride Public Transportation, located at 226 North Michigan Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307, from the Federal Transit Administra-

tion's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to seven medium duty buses.

(4) \$203,000 for the County Connection of Midland located at, 883 East Isabella Road, Midland, Michigan 48640, from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities account for the purpose of replacing up to three gas cutaway buses with lifts and up to three diesel cutaway buses with lifts.

The Clare bus facility is a project that began in 2005 and I helped to secure \$560,000 for this facility. This funding for Clare is the final piece in the long process of building their new facility.

With regards to the bus funding, the State of Michigan has struggled to balance its budget which has led to many cuts in transportation and infrastructure funding. This, coupled with an aging bus fleet and high energy costs, threatens to limit the mobility of seniors, the disabled, and students living in rural areas. The bus funding in this bill will provide important relief to various transit agencies so they may begin to replace their aging fleets and continue to serve rural America. For these reasons, this funding is a wise and responsible expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

## CONGRATULATIONS LUCILLE GRIFFO

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I have the greatest respect and admiration for those involved in the Girl Scouts of America, and I have always attended as many Gold Award Gala ceremonies as I am able in my District.

These programs prepare our girls for the challenges of higher education, employment, and adulthood, and their experiences in the Girl Scouting program open many doors for them throughout their lives.

In my hometown of Knoxville, TN, there is one name that is the gold standard for devotion to the Girl Scouts: Lucille Griffio.

Lucille has devoted her career—and her life—to enrich the lives of girls in East Tennessee, and they could not have had a better mentor. With the Girl Scout Promise as her guide, Lucille has been an ambassador for the values and leadership that Girl Scouting teaches.

After graduating from Jacksonville University in 1969, Lucille set out to conquer the business world, but time and again she was told by companies that they did not hire women for management. When a recruiter sent her to a job interview with the Girl Scouts, she thought her gender had type-cast her to a life of arts and crafts.

For more than 40 years, she has steered countless young girls through a transformative time of increasing opportunity for women. As she told the Knoxville News Sentinel recently, "Girls haven't changed—just society around them."

Her job was much more than arts and crafts. As CEO of the Tanasi Council, Lucille was responsible for a multi-million dollar budget and 13,000 Girl Scouts and volunteers in 16 East Tennessee counties.

Lucille began her career much before her role in Girl Scout management. At age 7, she